

**The Boone and Winnebago Counties  
Workforce Investment Board, Inc.**

**MINUTES OF April 5, 2009**

Site: The Workforce Connection, 303 N. Main Street, Rockford, IL 61109

- I. **WIB Call to Order.** WIB Vice-Chairman Paul Callighan called the Boone and Winnebago Counties Workforce Investment Board meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

**WIB Present (19):** Diana Barthelman, Jon Bates, Dr. Jack Becherer, Karen Brown, Paul Callighan, Janet Ellis, Dr. Richard Fairgrievies, Steve Gibson, Lynn Godina, Matthew Jones, Dave Morgan, Jim Pirages, Mark Podemski, Maureen Rosenberg, Mary Beth Scholten, Jim Ryan, Mark Stefanic, Nord Swanstrom, Mike Williams **Absent (19):** Allan Barsema, Shirley Burks, Michele Caldwell, Linda Campos, Pedro Enriques, James Fehlharber, Luanna Grimes, Todd Kindred, Harvey Lightbody, Stephanie Lueder, Tim McGuire, Larry McKay, Kate McMahon, Richard Mowris, Dan Parod, John Phelps, Elton Turner, Shirley Walker, C. Mark Williams

**WIB Staff Present:** Darcy Bucholz, Pamela Fettes, John Strandin, Robert Jones, Trudy Wellman

**Partner Staff Present:** Dan White – Rock River Training Corporation; Gary Lawson – Rock Valley College; Ted Duckett – IDES; Amy Massoth – Rock Valley College; Tom Austin – IDES; Sue Molyneaux – Rock River Training Corporation; Linda Sullivan - disabilityWorks

**Guests Present:** Sean Driscoll – Rockford Register Star; Rueben deLeon – AFL-CIO

- II. **WIB Minutes of March 3, 2009:** A motion was made to approve the minutes.

**Motion: Swanstrom                      Second: Pirages                      Motion Approved**

- III. **Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda included two items – 1) Approval of modifications to the Work Experience Policies; and 2) Confirmation of the action taken by the Executive Committee to award a contract to Rock Valley College to provide Work Readiness Skills Courses for the Summer Youth Employment program.

**Motion: Fairgrievies                      Second: Scholten                      Motion Approved: 17 Yes – 2 Abstain**

**Roll Call: Barthelman – Abstain, Bates – Yes, Becherer – Abstain, Brown – Yes, Callighan – Yes, Ellis – Yes, Gibson – Yes, Godina – Yes, Jones – Yes, Morgan – Yes, Pirages – Yes, Podemski – Yes, Rosenberg – Yes, Ryan – Yes, Scholten – Yes, Stefanic – Yes, Swanstrom – Yes, Williams - Yes**

- IV. **American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) – Presentation/Update:** Darcy Bucholz gave a presentation regarding the ARRA and what is being done locally. Boone and Winnebago Counties has been allocated \$4.7 million in ARRA funding - \$819,426 for WIA Adult Program services; \$2,175,890 for Dislocated Worker Program services; and \$1,705,364 for Youth services, primarily Summer Youth Employment activities.

John Strandin reviewed all advertising for the Summer Youth Program and showed the new advertising that will start later in May for further recruiting of youth.

- V. **Financial Reports:** Dan White reviewed all financial reports and stated that all programs are on track at this point. A question of administration costs with the new ARRA funds was posed and White stated that as with regular WIA money, administration costs can not go over the 10% level and must meet the same definition of administration as WIA.

- VI. **Endowment Fund with the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois:** Jon Bates has established an Endowment Fund for the Workforce Investment Board with the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. He spoke briefly about the fund.

**VII. Executive Director Report:** Darcy Bucholz gave an update on Chrysler and Chrysler suppliers and the impact that it is having on the workforce area. As more information becomes available she will keep the board updated.

Darcy Bucholz reviewed the information gathered from the Strategy Session. Out of the three groups many common elements came from the session. Those will be further broke down to eventually work on what the WIB feels are the most important areas for our region. Committee structures will also be looked at so that we have the correct direction of the WIB.

**VIII. Other/New Business:** Nord Swanstrom also noted that normally at this time of year IDES would have seen approximately 26,000 claims, but this year there have been over 48,000 claims to date. The current UI claims are slightly down due to seasonal workers returning to their jobs.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. in Room #104 at 303 N Main Street, Rockford, IL.

**VIII. WIB Adjournment:** The WIB meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

**CEO Adjournment:** The CEO meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

**Items included with the WIB and CEO meeting packets:**

- 1) 5/5/09 WIB Agenda
- 2) WIB Minutes of March 3, 2009
- 3) Consent Agenda
- 4) Committee Reports
- 5) Financial Reports as of 3/31/09

Trudy Wellman

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